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## **MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES**

St. Paul, MN, Feb. 20, 2004 – Nearly \$40 million has been allocated by the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service to Minnesota landowners to implement a variety of natural resource conservation practices. Call or visit your local USDA-NRCS office for more information and to sign up for your share of the pot.

\$24 million has been allocated to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP funds are used to cost-share and pay incentive payments to install conservation practices focused on soil erosion, water quality, air quality, wildlife habitat, grazing lands and forest resources.

\$14 million will be utilized through the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) to purchase easements and restore wetlands and their associated uplands.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) funds have been designated for use to restore and enhance wildlife habitat throughout the State.

Funds have also been received to purchase easements and restore grassland through the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP).

Signups are currently underway and it is recommended that you visit your local USDA office for more information and to apply for the program that will meet your conservation needs.

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